

## Message Text

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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, CS

SUBJECT: WILKINS/VESCO STORY: COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT POSITION

REFS: SAN JOSE 3356, NASSAU 1129

1. IN FIRST OFFICIAL COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON WILKINS CASE, IN RESPONSE TMBA LETTER FROM VESCO, MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY CHARPENTIER STATED IN LETTER PUBLISHED 23 SEPTEMBER, "MR. VESCO MENTIONED CASE OF WILKINS WHO IN FACT WAS ARRESTED BY MY AUTHORITIES WHICH AFTER MAKING INVESTIGATIONS AND INTERROGATORIES, WE ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CASE SEEMED NOT TO BE VERY SERIOUS AND NOT EVEN WORTHY OF PRESENTING TO THE COSTA RICAN COURTS OF JUSTICE AND THUS HE (WILKINS) WAS DEPORTED TO THE U.S.".

2. COMMENT: THIS FIRM STATEMENT BY COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD PUT THE MATTER TO REST OR AT LEAST MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR CHARGES TO BE MAINTAINED THAT U.S.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAD SENT WILKINS HERE TO

ASSASSINATE OR KIDNAP VESCO.

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